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SOVIET-U.S. TRADE AN

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ECONOMY CENTER HAS BEEN OPENED UNCL

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((TEXT))

SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH ATTEMPTS OF SOME WESTERN ARMAMENT TRUSTS TO INTENSIFY THE ARMAMENT RACE, TO MOSCOW DEPARTMENT OF THE SOVIET-U.S. TRADE AN ECONOMY CENTER HAS BEEN OPENED. THE CHIEF OF THIS DEPARTMENT, JOHN (COUNOR) SAID THAT THE UNITED STATES IS REPRESENTED IN THE COUNCIL BY SUCH BIG FIRMS AS IBM, ELECTRONIC COMPUTERS, CATERPILLAR, AGRICULTURAL MACHINES, AMERICAN EXPRESS AND OTHERS. ON THE 20TH TWENTIETH FLOOR OF A MOSCOW HOTEL, MR YANKOVICH, A U.S. CITIZEN, HAS MOVED INTO HIS THREE OFFICE ROOMS. THEY BELONG TO THE BANK OF AMERICA BRANCH OFFICE OPENED UP RECENTLY IN THE SOVIET CAPITAL; IT BEGAN TO WORK QUIETLY AND WITHOUT MUCH ADD. ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN THE USSR AND THE UNITED STATES MORE AND MORE IS BECOMING A NORMAL AFFAIR.

PRAVDA WRITES TODAY THAT THE GOODS EXCHANGE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES INCREASED FROM 200 TWO HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS THREE YEARS AGO TO ALMOST ONE BILLION THIS YEAR. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IN THREE YEARS THE TRADE EXCHANGE VOLUME INCREASED FIVE TIMES. WHICH TENDENCY WILL GAIN THE UPPER HAND? WILL THERE BE AN ARMAMENT RACE OR PEACEFUL TRADE? SUDDEN CHANGES CERTAINLY ARE ALWAYS POSSIBLE. BUT THERE ARE CERTAIN FIRM FACTORS: THE CONTINUOUSLY GROWING ECONOMIC POWER OF THE USSR AND THE ENTIRE SOCIALIST COMMUNITY IS MAKING TRADE WITH US ATTRACTIVE. JUST ONE FIGURE: THE SHARE OF COMRA COUNTRIES IN INDUSTRIAL WORLD-WIDE PRODUCTION INCREASED IN THE PAST 20 TWENTY YEARS FROM 18 EIGHTEEN TO 34 THIRTYFOUR PERCENT. MOREOVER THE CAPITALIST WORLD PRESENTLY IS IN A CRISIS ENTAILING INFLATIONS, RISING LIVING COSTS AND UNEMPLOYMENT. IN THE PAST 20 TWENTY YEARS THE CAPITALIST WORLD HAS LOST 20 TWENTY PERCENT OF WORLD-WIDE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION.

IN ADDITION, YOUNG NATIONAL STATES CAN NO MORE BE EXPLOITED SO SIMPLY. THEY HAVE BECOME A FACTOR OF WORLD POLITICS. ALL OF THIS IS MAKING AT LEAST ONE THING CLEAR: IMPERIALISM CAN NO MORE DO WHAT IT PLEASES IN REGARD TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. IMPERIALISM FINDS IT INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT TO SEEK A SOLUTION OF AGGRAVATING CONTRADICTIONS AND OF ITS DEEP CRISIS IN NEW MILITARY ADVENTURES. THE RATIO OF POWER HAS CHANGED. THIS IS WHY THERE ARE THE OFFICE OF MR YANKOVICH AND THE FIELD OFFICE OF THE U.S. - SOVIET TRADE AND ECONOMIC COUNCIL IN MOSCOW.

IF THE SOVIET UNION CONCLUDES LONG-TERM AGREEMENTS WITH CERTAIN U.S. TRUSTS THIS IS SERVING MUTUAL ECONOMIC INTERESTS. THE AGREEMENTS SIMULTANEOUSLY HELP TO INTEREST FINANCIALLY CERTAIN INFLUENTIAL CIRCLES OF THE CAPITALIST WORLD IN A POLICY OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE. THERE IS REASON TO ASSUME THAT THIS INTEREST CAN BE STRONGER THAN THE STILL VIVID INTEREST IN ARMAMENT BUSINESS. THIS IS A CHANCE FOR SECURING PEACE. THE COMPETITION BETWEEN THE TWO SOCIAL ORDERS IS TAKING PLACE IN THE FIELD OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION. THERE IS NO REASON TO BE OPTIMISTIC IN REGARD TO

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